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2006 Dayton Hamvention Just Weeks Away

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To All RADIO AMATEURS
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We are looking for a few good men & women to help at the AMSAT booth during the Dayton Hamvention.

I always find this a rewarding experience, whether talking with longtime AMSAT members or a shy, interested person that is not sure how to start. The booth will be open Friday May 19th from 9am to 6 pm, Saturday May 20th,8am to 5pm and Sunday 8am to 1pm.
We need people to answer questions about satellite operation, take donationsfor publications and trinkets, memberships and renewals, demonstrate software and assist with satellite demos. Please volunteer for a two hour shift eachday while you are attending the Hamvention. If you can only find an hour, that will be welcome also. Send me an email at wa4sxm@amsat.org .

Also take advantage of our Thursday night 'Pizza and Suds' gathering at Mario's Piazza and the Friday night Banquet at the Amber Rose. Contact Nancy Makley for reservations at kc8gyw@amsat.org .

If you will be unable to help at the booth, come by and check out our new offering and see the operating EAGLE SDX (Software Defined Transponder) or just say HI to your fellow AMSAT members.

73,
Gould, WA4SXM
Director Field Operations

[ANS thanks Gould, WA4SXM, for the above information]

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Phase 3 E

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Phase 3 E looks like its headed for a 2007 launch. If all the modules function well and the satellite passses some critical vibration tests the launch could be early next year.(Actual dates not set)
The twin looking satellite of OSCAR 10 or 13 is in its final building stages and tests. It may look like a twin of AO-10 or AO-13 but it has some of the latest technology onboard. Some is even being tested for the future Phase 5A Mars orbiter. That will be an adventure in the near future for everyone to enjoy and another story.
You can find updated information on the website of AMSAT-DL and learn of the upcoming events. As always, AMSAT-NA has links to information sites for all the latest satellite news.

[ANS thanks AMSAT-DL for the above information]

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ISS Expedition 13

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Expedition 13 in Second Week of Mission

Expedition 13 Commander Pavel Vinogradov and Flight Engineer Jeff Williams, now into their second full work week alone aboard the orbital outpost, are continuing with station familiarization, routine maintenance and medical data collection. On Monday, the crew set up and activated EarthKAM for its first photographic data takes of the new increment.

Wednesday's scheduled reboost of the station using the Zvezda Service Module engine did not occur. Neither engine fired, and the maneuver was aborted. Russian engineers are investigating. Since the reboost was primarily intended as a test of the engines and would have raised the station's altitude by approximately 1/3 of a statute mile, the planned docking of the ISS Progress 21 cargo craft is not affected. The Progress, carrying 2[illegible] tons of fuel, oxygen and supplies, will launch next Monday and dock with the station on Wednesday, April 26.

[ANS thanks Arthur, N1ORC, for the above information]

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1. ARRL Story Covers Expedition 12's Return

The ARRL article, "Expedition 12 Crew Plus One Return Safely to Earth," has been posted on the website. See:
http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2006/04/10/100/?nc=1

2. ARRL Article on Nevada, Rio Contacts

ARRL ran a story on the Robert McQueen and Escola Americano do Rio de Janeiro school contacts entitled, "McArthur Calls it a Wrap; Brazil's Pontes Completes One QSO." See:
http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2006/04/11/104/?nc=1

3. Elementary School Starts Radio Club

Boulder Hill Elementary School in Montgomery, Illinois has started an Amateur Radio club thanks to parent and ham volunteers. The students are learning about amateur radio and communication basics. The school is on the waiting list for an ARISS contact.

[ANS thanks Carol, KB3LKI for the above information]

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In addition to regular membership, AMSAT offers membership in the President's Club. Members of the President's Club, as sustaining donors to AMSAT Project Funds, will be eligible to receive additional benefits. Application forms are available from the AMSAT Office.

73, This week's ANS Editor,
Dee Interdonato, NB2F